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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

This declaration is of the following type:

- ☐ original
- ☐ design
- ☐ supplemental
- ☒ national stage of PCT
- ☐ divisional
- ☐ continuation
- ☐ continuation-in-part (CIP)

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed for and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

CIRCUIT FOR THE PROTECTION OF ELECTRICAL DEVICES
the specification of which

☒ is attached hereto

☐ was filed on _____, as

Application No. _____

and was amended on _____

(if applicable)

☒ was described and claimed in PCT International application

No. PCT/EP98/02706 filed on 08 May 1998

and as amended under PCT Article 19 on _____

(if any).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any Amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec. 1.56.

☒ In compliance with this duty there is attached an information disclosure statement. 37 CFR 1.97.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 119, of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

☐ no such applications have been filed
☒ such applications have been filed as follows.

Prior Foreign Application(s)

<u>197 20 142.3</u> (Number)	<u>Germany</u> (Country)	<u>14/May/1997</u> (D/M/Y filed)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<u>197 32 786.9</u> (Number)	<u>Germany</u> (Country)	<u>30/July /1997</u> (D/M/Y filed)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<u>198 01 301.9</u> (Number)	<u>Germany</u> (Country)	<u>16/Jan./1998</u> (D/M/Y filed)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

<u>(Appln. Serial No.)</u>	<u>(Filing Date)</u>	<u>(patented, pending, abandoned)</u>
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 120 of any United States application(s) listed below, and insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec. 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY
STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(b)) - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled CIRCUIT FOR THE PROTECTION OF ELECTRICAL DEVICES

described in

X the specification filed herewith.

_____ application serial no. _____, filed _____

_____ patent no. _____, issued _____

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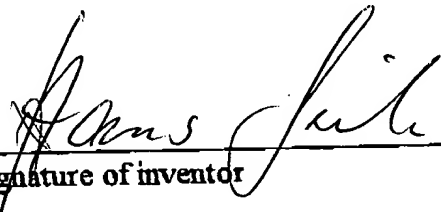
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